

Sports shorts

New fitness center hours

The RAF Lakenheath Fitness and Sports Center now opens at 8 a.m. weekends and holidays. Call 7-3607 for more information.

Summer bowling leagues

All Liberty Lanes summer league bowlers are eligible for discounts on food, open bowling and pro-shop items. Select from the following leagues: short season, scratch, women's, junior adult or mixed. Call 7-2108 for more information.

Swim lesson registration

Children's swim lesson registration for pre-school and after-school lessons begins at 11:30 a.m. today. Full details of swimming enrollments are available from the pool staff at 7-2815.

Heritage golf tournament

The 1999 Asian Pacific Islander American Heritage Month Golf Tournament is today at 12:30 p.m. at the base golf course. The event is open to all military and Ministry of Defense employees. Cost is \$8 for E-4 and below; \$10 for Department of Defense employees without membership and E-5s and above; \$16 for British civilian or MOD staff and free for golf course members. All entrants must pay a \$20 tournament fee. The first 18 teams to sign up and pay all fees in advance will play. Trophies and prizes are available. Call 7-2224 for details.

Team USA practices

Team USA Football practices at 3 p.m. Saturdays at the RAF Lakenheath football field. Tryouts are scheduled for 1 p.m. the first Saturday of every month. The areas needing improvement are the offensive and defensive lines. For more information on the team, contact Nick Pinnock on (01536) 525692 or e-mail the team at anshees99@aol.com.

Skin cancer briefing

The RAF Lakenheath Health and Wellness Center offers a skin cancer awareness briefings from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 2 in the HAWC classroom. The first 10 people who register and attend receive a free T-shirt. Call 7-2710 for more information.

Youth baseball/softball registration

People can sign up through June 4 for



Photo by A1C Joseph Lozada

Out ...

A1C Chris Miller, 48th Mission support Squadron, readies for the tag on SSgt. Chris Carson, Det 16 372nd Training Squadron team, as he dashes into third during an intramural league softball game Monday. MSS went on to lose to Det 16 32 to 2.

The 1999 Intramural Softball League kicked off May 3. Contact your squadron sports director for details.

baseball and softball for youth 5 to 18. The season begins June 21. Call 7-3180 for more information.

Adult skating

The RAF Lakenheath Skating Rink offers adult skating from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursdays. Cost is \$2 per person, and participants must be 18 or older. Call 7-1627 for details.

May Tae Kwon Do

Feltwell Community Center offers Tae Kwon Do Monday, Wednesday, May 25, 27 and 31. Cost is \$25 for eight classes. Classes are from 5 to 6 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and from 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Classes are for those seven years old and older. Call 7-7023 for details.

Swim hour

Children's swim hour is from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Saturdays. Inflatable toys are available. Call 7-2815 for details.

Tae Kwon Do

The RAF Lakenheath Youth Center of-

fers Tae Kwon Do lessons from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturdays for people 5 to 18. Cost is \$25 per month. Call 7-3180 for more information.

Kuk Sool Won

The RAF Lakenheath Youth Center offers lessons in Kuk Sool Won on Wednesdays. Children 8 to 12 can have lessons from 6 to 7 p.m., and youth 13 to 18 can have lessons from 7 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$2.50 per class, and the fee is payable monthly. Call 7-3180 for more information.

Hyperbowl

Liberty Lanes offers an all-you-can-bowl session from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Cost is \$10 per person. The event is open to identification card holders and their guests, and an adult must accompany people under 18. Call 7-2108 for more information.

Family bowling

Family nights are from 5 to 11 p.m. Mondays at Liberty Lanes. Cost is \$6 per lane, per hour. Call 7-2108 for more information.



Photo by A1C Rhiannon Bright

Fun for the whole family

Two boys battle it out at a joust during family fun day May 7 at the high school track. To promote National Fitness Month, the RAF Lakenheath Fitness and Sports Center and the RAF Lakenheath Health and Wellness Center sponsored the event. Other activities available were a sack race and sumo wrestling pit.

Services

Military Spouse's Day specials

Today, the 48th Services Squadron provides package deals for Military Spouses Day. They include:

The arts and crafts center – Available today are 10 percent-off picture framing, free brass rubbing, buy one get one free on selected kits, and customers spending more than \$10 get a free gift.

The auto hobby shop – Free brake check, tire check, and wiper blade installation.

The wood crafts center – Offers two hours free shop use, 10 percent off all classes signed up today, 10 percent off crating orders and all retail supplies.

The Pedaler Bike Shop – Military spouses get 10 percent off any bike purchased.

Outdoor Adventure – Offers a biking and hiking trip to Thetford Forrest, which includes transportation, adult bike use, and a picnic lunch. Free to military spouses, \$5 for other adults, \$8 per family.

Swimming pool – Offers free admission to military spouses to any session today.

Library – Offers free hot chocolate or coffee.

Electric Avenue – Offers a movie rental, and keep it until Monday.

Liberty Club – Offers half-price menu

items in the Freedom Cafe from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday.

Story hour

The May story hour for pre-school and elementary school students at the RAF Lakenheath Library is about English folk tales. Story hour is from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. May 26. For details, call 7-3713.

The RAF Lakenheath Library sponsors English Folk Tale stories told by Polly Howat Wednesday. She tells stories about Cambridge, Norfolk and others areas. This free event takes place at 3:45 p.m. for children 4 to 6 with parents; at 4:30 p.m. for children 7 to 12 with parents. For details, call 7-3713.

Membership buffet

In recognition of Military Spouse's Day, the RAF Lakenheath Officers' Club sponsors a Cinco de Mayo celebration at 5 p.m. today. A membership buffet features south-of-the-border temptations, drink specials and entertainment. Call 7-2535 for details.

Auto all-nighter

The RAF Lakenheath Auto Crafts Center sponsors an all nighter Saturday. A pizza run is at midnight. Call 7-2454 for details.

At the movies

RAF Lakenheath

Today

7 p.m. – “**Message in a Bottle**” (PG-13) Starring Robin Wright Penn and Kevin Costner. While on a deserted beach, a woman finds a romantic message in a bottle. The letter's poetry and heartache reach her, and she searches out the author, a sailboat builder on the Outer Banks.

10 p.m. – “**Glory**” (R) Starring Matthew Broderick, Denzel Washington and Morgan Freeman. Set during the Civil War, an all black regiment is put together to aid the Union to victory. Despite discrimination, the regiment fights its way to fame.

Saturday

4 p.m. – “**You've Got Mail**” (PG) Starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan. Joe Fox and Kathleen Kelly are two bookstore owners who battle each other in real life. They unwittingly romance each other in cyberspace and fall in love via modem.

7 p.m. – “**Lost and Found**” (PG-13) Starring David Spade and Sophie Marceau. A desperate loner finds himself the perfect girl. The problem is she already has the perfect man.

10 p.m. – “**Payback**” (R) Starring Mel Gibson and Gregg Henry. A criminal is on a quest to get his pay from the man who shorted him after a heist. But getting his payback isn't as easy as he hoped.

Sunday

4 p.m. – “**Jack Frost**” (PG) Starring Michael Keaton and Kelly Preston. Jack Frost is killed in an automobile accident. The following year, his son builds a snowman and Jack Frost comes back as the snowman.

7 p.m. – “**Lost and Found**” (P-13)

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7 p.m. – “**Rushmore**” (R) Starring Jason Schwartzman and Bill Murray. A student at one of the finest private schools in the country, Rushmore Academy, loves his school, but is one of the worst students.

Wednesday

7 p.m. – “**Lost and Found**” (PG-13)

Thursday

7 p.m. – “**Payback**” (R)

May 14

7 p.m. – “**200 Cigarettes**” (R) Starring Ben Affleck and Courtney Love. It's 1981 and a New Year's Eve party is taking place in New York City. The revelers are determined to find romance and have the time of their lives before the year draws to a close.

10 p.m. – “**Entrapment**” (PG-13) Starring Sean Connery and Catherine Zeta-Jones. A lovely and ambitious insurance investigator poses as a master thief so she can catch a legendary gentlemen thief. As their mutual attraction grows, they plan a heist on the eve of the new millennium.

RAF Mildenhall

Today

7 p.m. – “**Message in a Bottle**” (PG-13)

10 p.m. – “**Lost and Found**” (PG-13)

Saturday

4 p.m. – “**A Bug's Life**” (G) Animated. Ants perform double duty at harvest time; they gather food for themselves and a gang of greedy grasshoppers. But they soon take a stand against the grasshoppers and with the help of circus fleas, they fight back.

7 p.m. – “**October Sky**” (PG) Starring Jake Gyllenhaal and Chris Cooper. Homer Hickman Jr. lives in West Virginia during the 1950s. The launch of the Soviet Union Satellite Sputnik means everything to him and he wants to win the National Science Fair.

10 p.m. – “**The Thin Red Line**” (R) Starring Sean Penn and Adrien Brody. During the Second World War, on Guadalcanal Island, an army rifle company tries to overtake a Japanese stronghold.

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May 7

7 p.m. – “**Rushmore**” (R)

10 p.m. – “**Shakespeare in Love**” (R) Starring Gwyneth Paltrow and Joseph Fiennes. It's 1593, and Will Shakespeare is suffering from a dreadful bout of writer's block. He just can't seem to get his latest project to come together.

Getting to know your car

Learn more about cars in a “getting to know your car class” at the RAF Lakenheath Auto Crafts Center from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Monday. The class offers students the opportunity to learn basic maintenance and upkeep of vehicles and more. Cost is \$15 per person. Call 7-2454 to sign up or for more information.

Chinese food night

The RAF Lakenheath Officers' Club sponsors an all-ranks “no limits” Chinese buffet from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday. The buffet features Peking-style beef, shrimp fried rice, sweet and sour chicken, garlic chicken, Chinese curry and more. Cost is \$9.95 for club members. Call 7-2535 to make reservations or for more information.

Kosovo briefings

The RAF Lakenheath Family Support Center offers individual consultations to parents and children concerning the 48th Fighter Wing's involvement in the current Kosovo situation. For more information call Mike Cooley or Barbara Board at 7-3847.

Charitable funding

Any organization interested in receiving funds from the RAF Lakenheath Officers' and Civilians' Spouses' Club should contact Sue Reese at (01842) 827527 by Saturday.

Disaster relief

There are a number of ways to help the victims of the tornado devastation in Oklahoma. To find out more, go to <http://www.disasterrelief.org/GiveHelp/>, or call the Fort Belvoir chapter of the American Red Cross at DSN 805-2057.

Madingley ceremony

About 225 volunteers are needed to make this year's Madingley Memorial Day Ceremony at the Cambridge American Cemetery a success. People or organizations who would like to help should contact MSgt. Bruce Birdwell at 7-6151, (01638) 533887 or e-mail bruce.birdwell@lakenheath.af.mil.

Spouse tuition assistance

Spouse tuition assistance for Term V, which is June 7 to July 30, is now available at the base education center. The Air Force Aid Society's tuition assistance program for spouses of active-duty members can cover up to 50 percent or \$300 per term of tuition costs not met by other forms of assistance. Deadline for application is Thursday. For more information or to get an application form, visit the base education center in building 991.

Hangar dance

RAF Molesworth sponsors a hangar dance at 6 p.m. June 5. Participants may dress in 1940s fashion to go along with the Mainline Big Band, which plays from 7:45 to 11:30 p.m. The evening includes dinner and door prizes. Cost is £6.50 per person. Call Andy Sharp at DSN 268-3757 for more information.

Air Force Reserves

Active-duty members who are separating are eligible to join the Air Force Reserves. For information on positions worldwide, call TSgt. Lane Whitlow at 89-5290.



Photo by A1C Joseph Lozada

Medieval melody

Robin, Zahrt, a fifth grader, plays a recorder April 28 during the Medieval fete at Liberty Intermediate School. The recorder is made of plastic and is modeled after the wooden recorder of medieval times. The fete was put on by the students of the school to honor Kevin Crossby-Holland, a British children's book author. Holland aided children in writing and vocabulary skills. Later the children went on to write stories of their own in honor of the author.



Family support center aid

MSgt. Patrick Doan, 48th Mission Support Squadron, is THE Liberty Wing contact for families with deployed members. People who have questions or need help can reach him in the RAF Lakenheath Family Support Center at (01638) 523847 during duty hours or through the command post at (01638) 524800 after duty hours.

A car care program is offered for families with deployed members. The program, paid by Air Force Aid, allows each family to have an oil change, lubrication and a 14-point safety check on the primary family vehicle.

Accident brings community together

**A1C Russ Martin
48th Fighter Wing public affairs**

TSgt. Todd Rogers, 100th Operations Group, and his family thought they had nothing to worry about until the day they received the call that changed their lives.

It was a work day like any other, Rogers and a co-worker sat down to get to work when the phone rang. It was for Rogers.

"Becca has just been run over," said his wife, Mavis.

"My daughter, Rebecca, was walking to the bus stop which is on the other side of the street," said Rogers. "She crossed the road right in front of our house. There is a long curve leading from the right coming into town. My daughter just didn't see the car."

Rogers raced home, and when he arrived, an ambulance, two police cars and several people were surrounding his home. When he got to the center of the gaggle, he saw his daughter, 13-year-old Rebecca. Only now, his daughter was

covered in blood and wearing a neck brace. Rogers said that's when he lost control of his feelings.

"We have always told our daughters to cross the street together but this day they didn't," said Rogers.

According to the police report, the driver was going 34 miles per hour.

"I was lucky because the driver... was doing 34 miles per hour," said Rogers. "And still my daughter flew through the air," said Rogers.

Rebecca suffered from lacerations and a broken femur, according to Rogers.

"The doctors and nurses at Kings Lynn Queen Elizabeth Hospital were excep-

tional," said Rogers. "She had no less than five doctors see her and one was a pediatrician."

All the time they were in the hospital, the Air Force, friends and neighbors helped the Rogers family through their crisis.

"Lieutenant Colonel Zink, the 100th Operations Group commander, and his wife Karen, Captain Chris Comeau and his wife

all kept tabs on us and provided food for us," said Rogers. "Captain Comeau and his wife, along with Lieutenant Colonel Pfiefer and his wife, came to visit us at the hospital."

"Sherry Beirl was the organizer of the Catholic Women of the Chapel that also brought food to us," said Rogers. Heather Colson, Beth Waldeck, Carol Edwards, Sherry Bierl and Christine Tylock and their families all are true friends who went to great lengths to help us. The Catholic Women of the Church and my bosses and co-workers who helped us by providing food will always have a place in our hearts."

DODDS leaders praise educators



**By Andrew Zacharias
DODDS
superintendent**

May is a busy time in every school as teachers, principals and students prepare for the end of the school year. May is also a time to recognize the dedication and work of the teachers, principals, aides and staff in all of the United Kingdom district schools. Dr. Lillian Gonzalez, Department of Defense Education Activity, honors the Department of Defense Dependand Schools educators and staff in the following letter.

"May is a special month for recognition as it is the

time we celebrate the military family as well as express appreciation for teachers. Within DODEA, it would be difficult to acknowledge all the exceptional work done by our teachers without thinking of military families," said Gonzalez. "The efforts of our teachers and our schools create the 'hometowns' for children whose lives are marked by frequent moves. The caring and sensitivity our teachers have always shown for the unique lives of military children help alleviate the concerns their parents have for their children's well being. And the expertise with which our teachers create the optimal learning environments and provide instruction for their students guarantee that DODEA will offer an ex-

traordinary education to all.

"May is a time to reflect upon our mission and our most valuable resource," said Gonzalez. "It is also a time to express our gratitude for the talent, compassion and great professionalism of our extraordinary corps of teachers, and for the opportunity all of us at DODEA have to serve the military family."

Rummage sale

The RAF Lakenheath Elementary School Parent Teacher and Student Association sponsors a school wide rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in the school cafeteria. Vendors may reserve a table for \$5. Call Kathy Turner at 7-4721 for more information.

Bake sale

Parents of Lakenheath High School freshmen can help students raise money for their student activity fund by making baked goods to sell in a bake sale today at the post office. Students can bring the items to school that morning. Please call 7-6597 or 7-3115 for more information.

Falcon visit

The American Football Conference champions' running back, Jamal Andersen of the Atlanta Falcons, visits RAF Lakenheath today. Andersen, will make appearances at RAF Lakenheath High School, the sports and fitness center, RAF Lakenheath Youth Center, and his last stop will be at the RAF Mildenhall Youth Center.

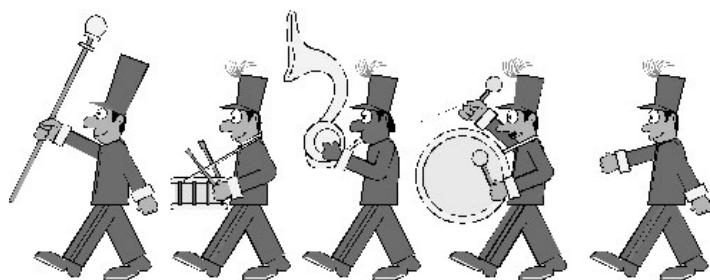
Bury St. Edmunds festival first of many summer fetes, celebrations

Tonight is the start of the annual Bury St. Edmunds Festival. Events continue until May 30th, and include jazz, theatre, exhibitions, concerts and street entertainment.

Events will be held in many venues around the town. This event is probably the largest around the local area, but many towns and villages will be holding similar events throughout the summer.

Beating Retreat and Opening Night Celebrations – 6.30 p.m. on Angel Hill/Abbey Gardens

Beating Retreat is a military ceremony of marching and music. This is a free event and is a good family occasion. The Royal Artillery Band will make its first visit to the festival. This will be followed by a puppet show by pupils from ten local schools displaying the results of the festival's "Snakes Alive" project. There will be a parade into Abbey Gardens for an evening of music and entertainment.



Jazz Firework Finale – 7.00 p.m. May 30th

To end the festival's events, Abbey Gardens is the venue for the Jazz Firework Finale. One of the country's favourite jazz bands, Humphrey Lyttelton and his Band, will perform with other bands during the evening.

The evening ends with fireworks over the abbey ruins. Gates open at 6 p.m.

Admission is £12.50 for adults and £7.50 for children. Call the box office to enquire about group discounts on 01284 769505.

For both these events, take a rug or chairs. Barbecues aren't allowed.

Around the town

If you don't make the festival, Bury St. Edmunds is a place with a lot to offer any time of the year.

Its best known feature is the Abbey Gardens, which nestle alongside the cathedral. It's a thriving market town, with a market on Wednesdays and Saturdays, and there are many interesting side streets to wander down where you can discover antique stores and curio shops.

Tourist Information Centre



One of the best ways to get to know a place is to take a guided tour. The Tourist Information Centre on Angel Hill is where you can get details of the tours taking place. The centre just opened a large new extension with lots more information about the town and other areas of the country, too. If they don't have exactly what you need, they can help you get it. You can call them on 01284 764667.

Signing of the Magna Carta

Bury St. Edmunds is proud of its claim to have been the place where the Magna Carta was ratified in 1214. We all know it was actually signed by King John in 1215 at Runnymede on Thames, but it was in Bury St. Edmunds where the barons of England got together to decide that this is what should happen. There are two plaques on the walls of the abbey ruins to tell you who was at the famous meeting.

Appleby Rose Garden

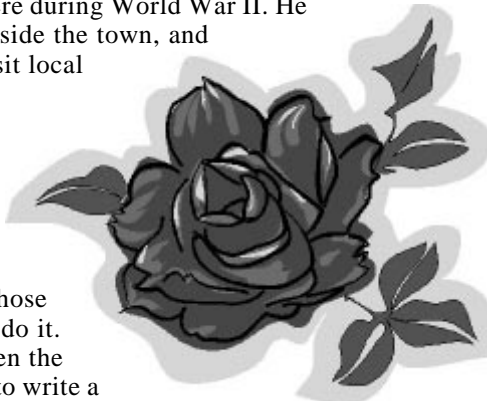
Another Bury St. Edmunds story which relates to the United States Air Force is the Appleby Rose Garden. This garden came about because of the efforts of a United States Air Force member who was over here during World War II. He was staying just outside the town, and his hobby was to visit local churches and take brass rubbings of the figures kept inside the churches.

Today permission has to be gained before you can do this, but in those days you could just do it. As he cycled between the villages he decided to write a diary of his experiences in England.

This diary was published, and the royalties from the book went initially to the upkeep of the Appleby Rose Garden.

The garden is dedicated to the 94th Bomb Group, and each year a 48th Fighter Wing representative lays a wreath in the garden on or around Remembrance Day.

One of the seats in the garden is made from the wing of an aeroplane.



Charles Dickens

The lovely old façade to the Angel Hotel on Angel Hill is said to have been used by Charles Dickens as a setting for his book "Pickwick Papers," and Dickens is said to have stayed at the hotel.

Mary Tudor

St. Mary's church, near the cathedral, holds the tomb of Mary Tudor. It also has a magnificent hammer-beam roof.

For more information on living in Britain, call me at 7-3638.

School kicks off mentor program

Story and photo by Capt. Patrick Ryder
48th Fighter Wing public affairs

Twenty elementary students and 25 military and civilian members from RAF Lakenheath and RAF Mildenhall met at Lakenheath Elementary School Parent Center May 4 to participate in a new mentor program.

The pilot program, which will run for six weeks in May and June, aims to help students increase overall academic achievement, improve communication and social skills, and provide guidance for decision-making or problem solving. Through a structured mentoring program, students and their adult mentors are selected and matched through a formal process. Elementary school officials plan to start the program again next school year in September.

"It's a known fact that mentoring is good for adults and it's good for children," said Carolyn Aiello, Lakenheath Elementary School counselor.

It's another opportunity to have an adult relationship, she explained. This is important, especially in an overseas military community.

"I know, having been military, that children miss aunts and uncles, that children miss grandparents," said Aiello.

The program is designed to be half academic and half social. Mentors and students eat lunch together and then spend time on school work, playing games, or just talking.

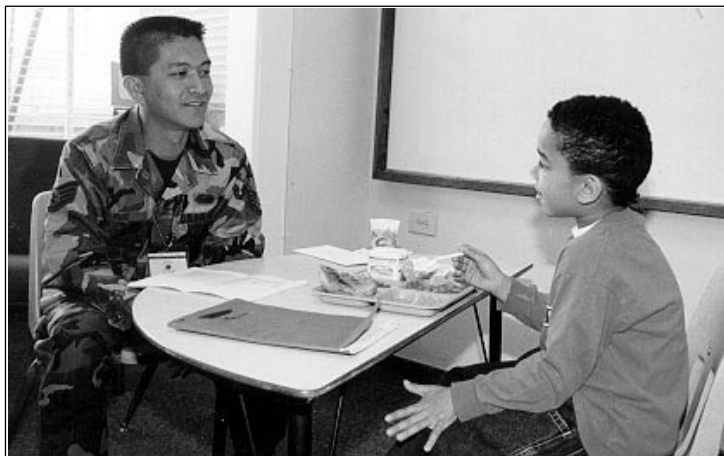
One major difference between the pilot program and next year's will be how students get to participate. Students taking part in the pilot had to be recommended by teachers. Starting in September, recommendations can come from teachers, students or parents.

The other half of the equation is finding mentors to participate. Adults volunteering for the program receive background checks before their selection and are then matched up to students with similar interests. These include academic interests, hobbies, recreational activities or special academic strengths.

If the public response to the pilot program is any indication of the level of community interest, finding mentors shouldn't be a problem.

"We had over 50 people from both bases (RAF Lakenheath and RAF Mildenhall) volunteer," said Aiello. Out of that 50, 25 were chosen to participate.

Those who were picked feel lucky to be a part of something special.



Leon Washington, 3rd-grader, talks during his lunch hour with his mentor, SSgt. Nelz Ruiz, RAF Mildenhall.

"I'm grateful that I got chosen to be one of the mentors because this is a good opportunity for me," said SSgt. Nelz Ruiz, 627th Air Mobility Support Squadron, RAF Mildenhall. The sergeant explained that he's raising a family of his own and that being a mentor will help him relate to his own children better as they grow up.

He also said that programs like this are especially important for military communities as a way of taking care of the Air Force family.

"Being away from our families back in the states, this is like our family," he said of the Air Force community. "Along that line, I believe (the mentorship program) is truly needed in the community, because ... with this kind of program, I can help myself, I can help the children and the school."

Helping children is exactly why SSgt. Rebecca Skelton, 48th Supply Squadron, volunteered to be a mentor. She hopes to make a difference in a child's life.

"I don't have any kids of my own, so I thought it would be nice to come in and give my time to the children," said Skelton. She hopes to be able to impact them in a way that will cause them to remember her later in their life.

"I can remember growing up wishing I had some adults to talk to on my level," she said.

Although the mentorship program is currently only being offered at RAF Lakenheath Elementary School, Aiello said she hopes that the program will soon be implemented at the base's middle and high school.



Photo by 1st Lt. Peter Kerr

Walk for refugees

Students from Lakenheath American Middle School at RAF Feltwell participated in a walk-a-thon April 30 to raise money for the Kosovo refugees.

The students raised £10,000. All the money raised will go to the purchase of medical supplies for the Kosovo refugees.



Electricity puts the 'power' in airpower



Photo by SrA. Louis Rivers

Above, TSgt. Robert McLaughlin, 494th Fighter Squadron flightline electrical-environmental technician, troubleshoots electrical problems and removes the faulty parts. Once the parts are removed, they are sent to the electro-environmental back shop for repair.

Above, McLaughlin installs a clamp on an aircraft generator. If there was a problem with the generator, McLaughlin would be responsible for troubleshooting the problem and removing the generator from the aircraft by removing the clamp that connects it to the aircraft and disconnecting the cannon plugs. The back shop handles the majority of electrical repairs, according to McLaughlin.

By 1st Lt Peter Kerr
48th Fighter Wing public affairs

Electricians put both the "air" and the "power" in airpower. The 48th Fighter Wing's 55 electrical-environmental technicians ensure the aircrews have oxygen and the F-15s have electrical energy.

Environmental systems on an F-15 include oxygen regulation, environmental control (cockpit climate), cabin pressure and bleed air systems. These systems ensure cabin pressure and oxygen are available for aircrews, while also ensuring various aircraft components are cooled by bleeding air from the engines.

The F-15's main electrical systems include power generation, lighting, flaps, landing gear, and nose wheel steering. In fact, in a highly technological and complex aircraft such as the F-15, nearly every system is wired together to ensure the aircraft can fly, launch weapons, and land safely.

"We work closely with avionics, munitions and the crew chiefs," said TSgt. Raymond McLaughlin, 494th fighter squadron electrical-environmental technician. "If a system isn't working, we're called in to trouble-shoot."

Trouble-shooting involves an operations check to isolate where the electrical system is failing, typically done by measuring voltage using a multimeter. When the problem is isolated, technicians visually inspect wires and components to identify what is defective. The F-15 is also one of the easiest of aircraft to maintain, according to McLaughlin.

"I've worked on the F-16, F-111, and TR-1," said McLaughlin. "The F-15 is the most maintenance friendly. It is a reliable aircraft."

Awards

□ **SSgt. Reginald Jones**, 48th Supply Squadron, is a quarterly winner of the 48th Fighter Wing Diamond Sharp Award.

□ **SrA. Carefree Frank**, 48th Services Squadron, is a quarterly winner of the 48th Fighter Wing Diamond Sharp Award.

□ **A1C David Campos**, 48th Aerospace Medical Squadron, is a quarterly winner of the 48th Fighter wing Diamond Sharp Award.

□ The following are University of Maryland Dean's List honor students: **Marnie Anderson**, **Bryan Church**, **Tracey Cotton**,

Richard Fenbert, **Donald Fox**, **Lori Fox**, **Darrell Haire**, **Clifford Hand**, **Luwana Hargis**, **Russell Heifner**, **Alison Izzi**, **Jeffifer Johnson**, **Theodore Lambremont**, **John Lebrecht**, **Kimberly Miller**, **Trina Nothington**, **Kimberly Person**, **Jeffrey Peters**, **Timothy Schwader**, **Albert Searfass**, **Steven Smith**, **Erin Williams-Basudev** and **James Wymes**.

□ **SrA. Scott Acshe**, 48th CS, received the 48th Fighter Wing Coin for his photography support with distinguished visitors and personnel during his tour to RAF Lakenheath.



Photo by SSgt. David Griffith
SSgt. David Pantojas, 48th Operations Group, received the 48th Fighter Wing Coin for his diligent efforts in preparing for the 1999 Surety Inspection.

Promotions

To lieutenant colonel

Craig Anderson, 5th Space Surveillance Squadron; **Robert Bjoraker**, 48 Medical Operations Squadron; **Scott Hagen**, MDOS; **Thomas Pauly**, 492FS

To major

Dennis Haskin, 48th Fighter Wing; **Megan McCormick**, 48 Aerospace Medical Squadron; **Jill Narron**, MDOS; **William Ruffle**, MDOS; **Bryan Vyverberg**, MDOS

To captain

Rex Ayers, 492nd Fighter Squadron; **Theodore Breuker**, 48 Security Forces Squadron; **Thomas Clarke**, SFS; **Shane Cohen**, FW; **William Denham**, 493rd Fighter Squadron; **Russell Driggers**, 493FS; **Jeremy Durtschi**, 492nd FS; **Christopher Ederle**, 494th Fighter Squadron; **Marco Fiorito**, 48 OSS; **Celiann Gonzalez**, Civil Engineer Squadron; **Donald Jones**, 494th FS; **Peter Kerr**, 48th FW; **Stacie Kreykes**, 48th EMS; **Luis Prejan**, 48th Comptroller; **Ainsworth O'Reilly**, 492nd FS; **Stacey Ruel**, 451st Intelligence Squadron; **David Salvagnini**, 48th OG; **William Simmons**, 494th FS; **James Sweeney**, 493rd FS; **Brian Tolson**, 493rd FS; **Wade Wegner**, 48th SUPS; **Andrew Whiat**, 494FS; **Christopher Zuhke**, 492nd FS

To first lieutenant

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To master sergeant

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To airman

Marverra Dewitt, 48th CRS; **Yashica Moon**, 48th CS; **Wilbur Turner**, 494th FS



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Liberty Warriors: 48th Intrusion Detection System Work Center

From left to right: SSgt. John Mitchell, MSgt. Michael Piel, Gen. John Jumper, United States Air Forces in Europe commander, SrA. Kathryn Johnson and SrA. David Albert received the United States Air Forces in Europe Inspector General's Award of Excellence for their performance during the April 1999 Surety Inspection.

According to the citation, the center's management of weapon storage and security system detection systems maintenance was absolutely superior and provided first-line detection warning for the wing's most critical weapons system. Their training qualifications were far above standards, and their additional duty programs and maintenance processes were well managed. The center is by far the best seen in the command this year.

News notes

Base phone book available

The updated base telephone book is available at Lakenheath Intranet: <http://lww/>. For more information, call 7-3303.

Health advisor line available

The 48th Medical Group offers access to free medical advice from a trained nurse as well as information on more than 450 health care topics. People may dial (0800) 896409 at any time, seven days a week to receive information. The service is available to all military beneficiaries living in the United Kingdom. For more information about the personal health advisor line, call the TRICARE service center at 7-8688.

Road tax increases

Road tax for vehicles 1101 ccs and above is £155. From June 1, 1100 ccs and below, road tax will be £100. This is an increase of £5. Six-month road tax will be £85.25 for 1101 ccs and £55 for 1100 ccs and below. People who have paid or will pay tax for a smaller engine can get a refund if the tax covers June. DVLA will advise who can receive this refund as the time nears.

Restrictions on prescriptions

MANNHEIM, GERMANY - Travelers needing medicines containing habit-forming drugs or narcotics can take them to the states under certain conditions, customs officials advise. However, people smuggling drugs such as steroids or narcotics without a prescription face severe penalties.

Prescription drugs must be on your person when you travel, according to Norman

Kaucher, customs program manager at the European Command and may be not mailed or put in personal property shipments. The drugs must be in their original container with the label showing the prescription was made out to the traveler. Drugs prescribed by a U.S. military doctor will qualify for entry, but medicine acquired from a foreign pharmacy may be banned because the drug is not approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

Reading list available

WASHINGTON - Libraries across the Air Force offer the Chief of Staff of the Air Force's new professional reading list titles this month.

The Chief of Staff of the Air Force's Professional Reading Program began in 1997. After the initial success of the program, Gen. Michael Ryan announced changes to the list.

The changes were based on the availability and price of books, as well as recent publication of new books by Air Force historians.

Air Force readers can buy their own copies of reading list titles from select Army and Air Force Exchange Service Military Clothing Sales stores or through the AAFES Web site at <http://www.aafes.com>.

Divided into three levels — basic, intermediate and advanced — the list aligns closely with professional military education. Those who attend airman leadership school, noncommissioned officer academy or senior NCO academy receive appropriate books from their instructors.

Captains on active duty receive a shipment of the officer basic list books shortly

after their promotion. All others are encouraged to borrow books from the library or purchase personal copies. The program offers novice and experienced readers a common point of reference with their peers, subordinates and superiors.

Send messages to troops

RAMSTEIN AB, Germany (AFPN) - People who want to send messages, letters or care packages to service members deployed or serving overseas have some options.

Family and friends can reach U.S. troops in Europe, Africa or Southwest Asia by sending MARSgrams. The service is available online through the Military Affiliated Radio System.

The easiest way to send a MARSgram to a service member is to fill out one of several online MARSgram messages, according to Daniel Wolff, assistant affiliate MARS coordinator, Europe.

More information about MARSgrams and other services is available by calling the MARS European gateway station in Heidelberg, Germany, at DSN 370-8256, 370-6608, or 370-8332. The commercial telephone number is 49-6221-57-8256. Internet users can get more information by visiting Wolff's MARS Web site at <http://users.eifernet.de/wolff/mars.htm>.

Correction

The Jet 48's May 7 cover photo cutline incorrectly identified the airmen's squadron. They're from the 492nd Fighter Squadron.

493rd EFS reaches 1,000 sorties

CERVIA AB, ITALY - Since deploying here in February, the 493rd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron from RAF Lakenheath, England, has been flying F-15Cs as part of the 501st Air Expeditionary Operations Group in support of Operation Allied Force.

Now, those efforts have reached yet another milestone – the 1000th combat sortie is expected to be flown sometime between Saturday and May 20.

“This is a great achievement,” said Col. Steven Eddy, 501st Air Expeditionary Operations Group commander.

“We have accomplished quite a bit since coming here in February. I feel that this is an important milestone on our road to mission accomplishment.”

Also contributing to the prestige of the event, Gen. John Jumper, United States Air Forces in Europe commander, announced in a recent letter that, “The 493rd Fighter Squadron has been selected as the United States Air Forces in Europe Fighter Squadron of the year for 1998.

“The 493rd team accomplishments have been extraordinary and have greatly contributed to the success of the 48th Fighter Wing and USAFE,” he said. “An outstanding effort from USAFE’s finest.”



Photo by TSgt. Greg Suhay

493rd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron F-15Cs taxis down the taxiway at Cervia, AB, Italy, in April. The 493rd EFS is supporting Operation Allied Force.

People First:

Enlisted retention may have impact on mission

Enlisted retention is a key ingredient to readiness and a major challenge facing the Air Force.

Highly trained, experienced enlisted technicians are one of the cornerstones of the personnel force structure. We are losing these valued resources – people who have leading-edge technical skills and leadership experience – to an extremely competitive job market and the strongest American economy in a generation. High operations tempo, its impact on quality of life, and pay and compensation issues are also major ingredients in the current retention environment.

Reenlistment rates for first- and second-termers and career airmen are down. Air Force officials are particularly concerned with second-term reenlistment rates. In fiscal 1998 only 69 percent of eligible second-termers opted to reenlist. The Air Force needs to retain 75 percent of this group to sustain appropriate experience levels.

In many key war-fighting skills, such as aircraft maintenance, avionics, air traffic control and security forces, second-term rates are even lower. First-quarter fiscal 1999 retention rates show a continuing decline, and Air Force officials are very concerned about the impact this will have on the service’s ability to carry out its mission.

To help combat this trend, officials are working to better manage high ops tempo and improve quality of life. One way they’re doing this through the creation of the expeditionary aerospace force, which will change the way the Air Force organizes and deploys combat forces.

Other initiatives include reductions in Air Force and joint training exercises, termination of Quality Air Force Assessments and post-deployment stand-down programs. Readiness noncommissioned officers have been placed in all family support centers, and video teleconferencing and videophones continue to be real morale boosters. The Air Force has also been concentrating on providing access to quality health care, providing safe and affordable housing, enhancing community and family support programs and expanding educational opportunities.

The Air Force is committed to do all it can to ensure policies are developed and implemented that recognize and support highly trained, experienced enlisted people.



Photo by SrA. Louis Rivers

Open wide!

Dr. Avishai Sadan, Louisiana State University professor, demonstrates some dentistry techniques to, from left to right, RAF Flight Lt. Lindsey Scott; Col. Benjamin Blackham, 48th DS commander; Lt. Col. Carroll Palmore, 48th DS; and RAF Wing Commander Sara Duffy.

More than 135 British and American military and civilian dentists, hygienists, technicians and manufacturer representatives attended the 13th annual British-American dental conference April 27 - 28 at the RAF Lakenheath Officer’s Club.

Dental implant technology and esthetic dentistry were among the topics discussed at the conference.

Littleton's reach extends to Lakenheath



By Mary-Alice Hurlburt
Feltwell Elementary
School teacher

The events of the past few weeks have weighed heavily on my mind this weekend. Every time I turn on the news, I wonder, how can things get any more horrifying than this?

Dunblane, Ark., Omagh, Kosovo, mail bombs in London, and finally, the killings recently at Columbine School in Littleton, Co.

I feel moved to speak out because the Columbine shootings have come a little closer to home. My cousin is a teacher at Columbine, and was in his classroom when the shootings took place.

Barricaded behind a locked door with his students, he could hear gunshots... and then laughter.

The murderers set off the fire alarms to draw students out of their classrooms, but when my cousin heard the shots, he made his students stay in the room and blocked the door with desks. They stayed there for four hours with alarms wailing until a SWAT team freed them.

My cousin knew the two boys who carried out the killings and said that, although they had been in trouble, they were bright, and he liked them.

What next? My school? Our base? My hometown, or yours?

I'm a third-grade teacher at Feltwell Elementary School. When I look out across the students in my class, I see, for the most part, a hard-working, fun-loving, kind-hearted bunch of little children.

Of course, no child is without flaws and quirks to be ironed out. They're not finished products, and have a lot of growing up to do. So, I wonder, when does the darkness set in? I mean the darkness that turns a child into a killer.

Parents and teachers have the ability to see good in every child. What then, are we not seeing when we look at our children, and miss that something that could turn them into a killer?

I don't know why most children turn into productive, law-abiding citizens while some turn into killers. I do know that children have easy access to influences that can pull them into a joyless and violent life.

If someone gave each of us a lovely crystal bowl, breathtaking in its beauty and brilliance, we would never allow this crystal bowl to be filled with garbage.

A child's mind is like this crystal bowl –

it can be beautiful and filled with good things, or it can be made ugly and dark, by letting it become filled with ugly, dark things.

I feel that we, as teachers and parents, have the responsibility to act as the guardians of our children's minds until they are mature enough to filter what they see and hear by themselves.

We need to preview everything our children take in, because they lack the ability to discern what is good for them and what is not.

We must take a good, hard look at what they read, what movies and TV shows they see, what music they listen to, and what they access on the Internet. Children have a right to grow up protected from harm... not just physical harm, but mental, intellectual and emotional harm as well.

We need to listen to our children in subtle ways. We need to watch how they treat other people, and how they respond to parents, teachers and others in authority. We need to listen to the things they talk about.

Nothing of value comes easily in this life. Children are our most precious commodity. We, as teachers and parents, owe children the energy and vigilance it takes to help them develop into responsible and caring citizens.

Children and violence

What can we do?



SrA. Jonathan Shaffer
48th Security Forces
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Everyone has heard it. The story that left educators, parents and law enforcement officials in disarray. The Columbine High School shooting once again thrust teen violence into the national spotlight.

Since the shooting rampage in Littleton, Co., threats of violence at schools across the country have become routine. Only one week after the shooting, there were violent threats against schools in 20 states from New York to Hawaii. The threat of teenage violence is increasing and the severity of the offenses committed has become staggering.

It's the community's responsibility to take an active part in providing a safe environment that is fair and impartial to the development and education of our youth. While the responsibilities of young adults' actions ultimately rest upon themselves, it's the parent's responsibility to teach their children to make wise decisions on their own. It's proven that violence is a learned behavior, and violent messages are finding more and more ways to reach our kids. Movies, TV, music, the Internet, and video games are just a few examples of ways that children can be desensitized to violence at an early age.

There is not often a specific event or change that turns a child into a violent youth. It is a gradual process of desensitization that arms a

juvenile to perform mindless criminal acts. Ken Trump of the acclaimed National School Safety and Security Services believes that major stressors such as domestic violence, alcohol, drugs, and social and academic pressures can send a kid over the brink.

Trump outlined some warning signs that parents and educators should keep in mind:

- ☐ Detachment: A lack of bonding and "connectedness" to others.
- ☐ Withdrawal or perception of hopelessness.
- ☐ Threats and efforts to establish the means and opportunity to carry them out.
- ☐ Significant changes in behavior, appearance, attitude.
- ☐ Disciplinary problems in school and/or delinquent, criminal activity in schools or communities.
- ☐ Unusual interest or preoccupation with weapons, bombs, violent entertainment forms (music, movies.)
- ☐ Abuse of animals, suicide threats or attempts, self-mutilation.
- ☐ Habitual loss of temper.

The best neutralizer for violence is communication. Most violent behavior is established when an individual feels isolated and that they are not being heard. Following are some suggestions to have a better understanding for how your children are spending their time is to prevent the isolation of the child with potentially negative influences. Move their computer with Internet access into a family room. Use programs that can limit the Internet sites your child can gain access to. The same can be done with television programs.

Still, nothing is a substitute for having open communication with your child. Plan "sit-down" meals with your children. Spend time with your child outside of the house. Replace the negative influences by increasing your positive influence. The tempo of today's military makes it difficult to spend a lot of time with your children, but making time to talk and spending time with them will make all the difference in the world.



Pediatric module ready to deploy

F-15s are not the only precision weapons we have at RAF Lakenheath. Since 1996, the 48th Medical Group has been a key player in the development of the U.S. Air Force's only pediatric mobility module.

U.S. Air Forces in Europe was chosen as the major command to develop a precision tool to improve the Air Force's ability to respond to the increasing number of humanitarian operations in the world. Naturally, USAFE turned to RAF Lakenheath, with its commitment to Leading Edge Technology, and a reputation for "Excellence In All We Do," to get the job done.

World events in the past decade demonstrated the Air Force needs a flexible response to a myriad of crises – both natural and man-made – that it is called upon to support. The Air Force Medical Service recognized the need to provide a flexible medical response to these crises. In the past few years, a major initiative to re-engineer readiness in the medical field has been underway. Air Force medical planners realized the air transportable hospital, developed to respond to major wartime scenarios, didn't fit many of today's missions. Today's are smaller in scale and often involve victims much different from those encountered on the battlefield.

Today's crises are more likely to include children, the elderly, and pregnant moth-

ers. Recent events at Guantanamo Bay, in northern Iraq, Honduras, and Kosovo are living examples of these current problems. The Air Force Medical Service's answer was the creation of approximately 30 modular specialty teams and their specialized equipment that can deploy with an air transportable hospital to provide medical care tailored to the mission. Some of these specialty teams include: dental; infectious disease; specialty lab; X-ray services; obstetrics and gynecology; critical care; primary care; and pediatrics. These teams are being developed at various Air Force bases. Once these packages are finalized and approved, additional packages will be purchased for selected bases for use by theater commanders to provide specific medical support that is required.

RAF Lakenheath's contribution to this huge project – the pediatric module – consists of 19 key individuals from different areas throughout the medical group, including the pediatric clinic, the family practice clinic, emergency services, the inpatient unit, the nursery, the administration office, and logistics. Its task was to build a "light and lean" package that could deploy to any region on the globe and provide medical care for 5,000 children for one month

without resupply.

The team has been through two exercises, at Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C. in 1997 and Nellis AFB, Nev., in 1999, which brought all the specialty units and the air transportable hospital together to streamline the concept of operations and develop the equipment necessary to save lives in the field.

The result is a 12-bed, 64-foot TEMPER tent, which houses the treatment, supply, and administrative areas necessary to provide routine and emergency care for a few hundred children per day. All this equipment can be loaded onto a C-130 and delivered anywhere an air transportable hospital can go.

Practicing medicine in a refugee camp is very different from practicing in the United States or East Anglia, where clean water and toilets are plentiful. The type of diseases that affect children in a humanitarian crisis are different from what is encountered by most of the medical staff here at the 48th Medical Group. For that reason, a number of team members have undergone specialized training to deal with these problems. Some of the team members, like Maj. (Dr.) Scott Hagen, Maj. (Dr.) Chris Baur, Maj. Joycelyn Elaiho, and myself, have practiced medicine in

Third World countries during real-world military actions and exercises, and have training in humanitarian disasters. TSgt. Ruben Casas, the team's NCOIC, participated in the World Health Organization training dealing with refugee crises, and SSgt. Brenda Wadsworth has experience providing medical care in an air transportable hospital in Croatia. This experience has proven invaluable in deciding what medicines and equipment are most critical in the field.

Once the pediatric module is finalized, another identical package will be built for Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland AFB, Texas. Four other bases will develop similar personnel teams, without the equipment, that will be used to support the RAF Lakenheath or Wilford Hall teams.

Since RAF Lakenheath currently has the only pediatric module in the inventory, it received some attention during the recent Honduras natural disaster and the current Kosovo crisis. During both events, the team was notified to prepare for possible deployment to provide medical support, even though the packages are technically still in the final development phase. Both times the team readied for deployment. It is currently anxiously awaiting the call, if this becomes necessary.

Once again, RAF Lakenheath is part of history in the making.

Airpower videos

Today through Thursday, the commander's access channel shows four videos daily. They are "Medal of Honor" at 6 p.m., squadron commanders' videos at 7 p.m., "People, Power, Mission" at 10 p.m. and "Legends of Airpower" at 11 p.m.

Action lines

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base. Hospital commanders routinely instruct medical people to leave the parking spaces near the hospital available for patients and in particular to avoid using the base exchange parking lot.

We will again brief this at the next

commander's calls. To address your concerns about patient parking priority in the billeting/medical dental parking lot, the 48th Fighter Wing commander decided to post "no overnight parking" signs in the two rows closest to the dental building. As mentioned, improving the parking situation on RAF Lakenheath is a top priority for every commander

in the 48th FW.

Your action line reinforces the need for everyone on base to be sensitive to the parking needs of others who might not be able to walk long distances.

Thank you for your comments and for making so much effort to address this matter with so many people.



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Our first response is 'Yes!'



By Col. Carl Van Pelt
48th Fighter Wing Commander

The Liberty Wing has been incredibly busy during the last few months making airpower history. I'm aware of how hard each of you are working and am personally grateful for your outstanding efforts. *Together, we're enhancing an already sterling reputation as the Air Force's and USAFE's Leading Edge combat fighter wing.*

A key to maintaining that reputation is to never lose sight of how we interact with each other and those we serve. This is reflected in one of the Liberty Wing's Rules of Engagement:

Our first response to customers will be "yes".

— And then, "let me get some more facts," if we really think the answer should be no.

Everyone the Liberty Wing interacts

with, both here at home and with our higher headquarters, is also very busy. Many have direct general officer involvement in their activities. So, when HHQ or others call, we should definitely reply with our ROE in mind. Take their full request: who, what, where, when, why. Then, let the 48th Fighter Wing process sort out whether the request is doable.

Please remember, I'm the person who should say "no" to a HHQ request.

Related to this "yes" mentality, we need to ensure our command and control stays efficient during this hectic time, be aware that all 48th FW taskings or requests for official positions must go into and out of the 48th FW command section.

The 48th Fighter Wing Plans Office is my clearinghouse for contingency operations. Please let them help me keep things under control.

My intent here is to foster a close, cooperative, teamwork relationship, starting with our internal teammates and finishing with all agencies outside the Liberty Wing.

I appreciate everyone's help with this vital ROE. As a team, we'll continue to be the cornerstone of USAFE's combat capability and chisel the Liberty Wing's reputation and airpower legacy into the annals of history. *Steady as she flies — you're all doing great!*

Liberty Wing Rule of Engagement (ROE)

Our assumption is that every person wants to do a good job. When our expectations are not met, it's nearly always a communication or process problem, not a person problem. We must ask ourselves, "How can I communicate better?"

Action lines

The Action Line is your direct link to me for complaints, suggestions, or comments. It's not intended to replace the chain of command. When normal command and agency channels haven't been able to resolve your concerns, call 7-2324, fax 7-5367, e-mail (Action Line @lakenheath.af.mil), send through distribution (48 FW/PA), mail (48 FW/PA, Unit 5210 Box 215 APO AE 09464-0215), or hand carry your Action Line to the public affairs office (Bldg. 1085). You may remain anonymous; to receive a reply, leave your name, unit, duty or home phone number, and full APO mailing address. Names are confidential.



48th Fighter Wing commander

new flag May 6. I am pleased the school staff took appropriate measures to remedy the situation. We are all very proud to be Americans and take pride in the symbols that reflect our heritage.

Parking problems

I know a lot has been done to get more parking available for everyone who uses the base's facilities, but I feel that not enough is being done with regards to where those who work at the base hospital and base exchange park.

On numerous occasions, parking at both of these places is almost impossible.

I feel that those of us just trying to get to an appointment or grab a roll of film should be given priority over those working there.

You offer some good advice for hospital, chapel, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, and people who work in the congested area around the hospital. This is the most heavily congested area on

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Frayed flag

April 28, I noticed the American flag flying at the elementary school was torn on the bottom.

I hate to see the flag flying when it's torn like that. It has been flying like that for a couple of days.

Thank you for your concern. The flag at the elementary school was replaced with a